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TAGS: OREP (CLARK, DICK; BIDEN, JOSEPH)

SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK/BIDEN

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1. CODEL WOULD LIKE TO SIMPLIFY TRAVEL TO LUSAKA (DESCRIBED REFTEL) AND GAIN FLEXIBILITY WHICH WOULD FACILITATE POSSIBLE VISIT TO SALISBURY SHOULD SUCH A STOP BE ADDED. THEY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH THEY COULD GET TO NOVA LISBOA, OR CLOSE TO IT; FOR POSSIBLE MEETING WITH JONAS SAVIMBI.

2. ACCORDINGLY, CODEL WOULD LIKE JOHANNESBURG TO EXPLORE AIR CHARTER POSSIBILITIES, AND REPLY TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO CHARTER A PLANE FOR PARTY FROM JOHANNESBURG ROUND TRIP TO LUSAKA?

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(B) WHAT WOULD IT COST?

(C) WOULD IT SAVE TIME COMPARED TO ROUTING AS DESCRIBED
REFTEL?

(D) COULD CHARTER ALSO TAKE PARTO TO SALISBURY?

(E) COULD CHARTER TAKE PARTY TO NOVA LISBOA? HOW MUCH

WOULD IT COST AND HOW MUCH TIME WOULD IT TAKE?

(F) ALTERNATIVELY, WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE TO FLY FROM
JOHANNESBURG, WINDHOEK AND THENCE TO AREA OF ANGOLA NEAR
WHERE SAVIMBI MIGHT BE FOUND?

3. REQUEST LUANDA COMMENT ON ANY OF ABOVE WHERE
APPROPRIATE, PLUS ANSWER FOLLOWING:

(A) COULD SAVIMBI BE PERSUADED TO GO TO NOVA LISBOA TO
MEET CODEL IF HE EITHER (1) NOT GOING TO BE IN LUANDA
AT TIME OF CODEL VISIT OR (2) IT PROVES TO BE
IMPOSSIBLE FOR CODEL TO GET INTO LUANDA?

(B) NOTE THAT OVERSEAS AIRLINE GUIDE LISTS NO FLIGHTS
INTO NOVA LISBOA FROM EITHER JOHANNESBURG OR WINDHOEK,
BUT THAT THERE ARE FLIGHTS INTO SA DA BANDEIRA FROM
WINDHOEK AND FROM THERE TO LUANDA. WOULD SA DA BANDEIRA
BE A POSSIBLE PLACE TO MEET SAVIMBI?

(C) WOULD THERE BE PROBLEMS WITH A CHARTER INTO NOVA
LISBOA FROM EITHER (1) JOHANNESBURG OR (2) WINDHOEK?
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